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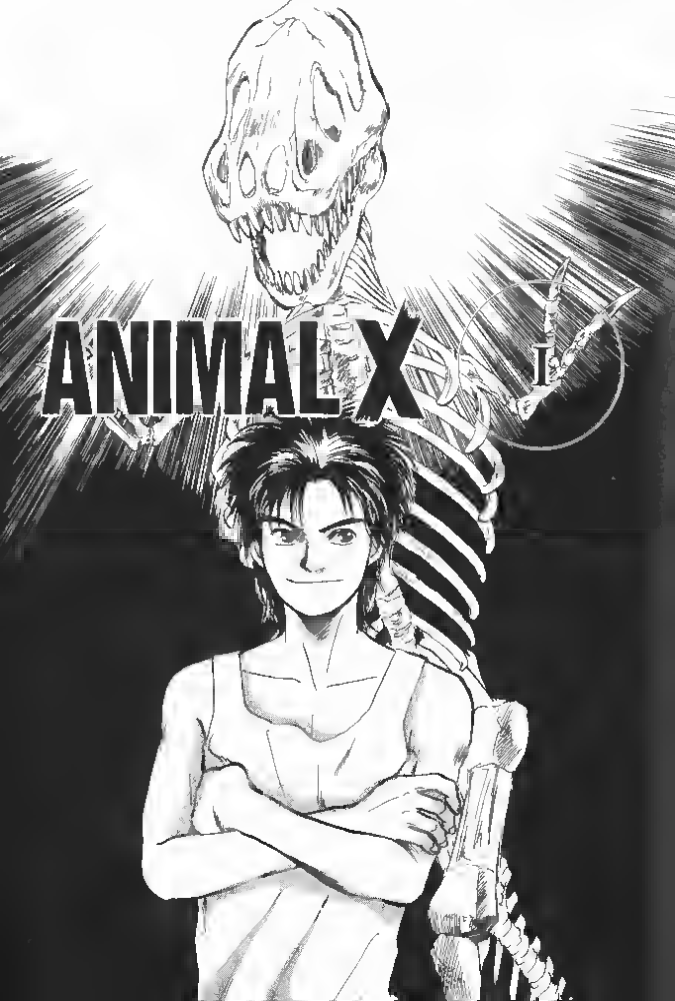
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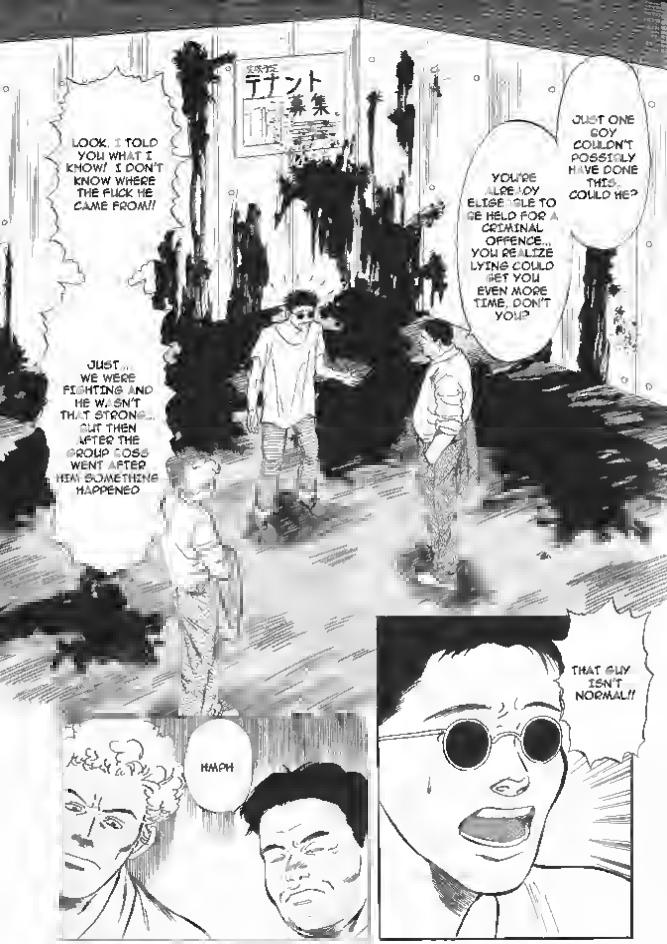
I

TOKYO

KICHIJOUJI
CAFE
I SEE
YOU'RE SAYING THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIS SHOULDER AND THEN HE KILLED ALL FOUR OF THESE GANGSTERS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LOOK, I TOLD YOU WHAT I KNOW! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE FUCK HE CAME FROM!!
JUST ONE GOY COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE DONE THIS, COULD HE?
YOU'RE LIABLE TO BE HELD FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENCE... YOU REALIZE LYING COULD GET YOU EVEN MORE TIME, DON'T YOU?
JUST... WE WERE FIGHTING AND HE WASN'T THAT STRONG... BUT THEN AFTER THE GROUP BOSS WENT AFTER HIM SOMETHING HAPPENED
HMPH
THAT GUY ISN'T NORMAL!!

IF THE CRIMINAL WERE AN ADULT WE COULD HANG HIM FOR THIS BUT SINCE THE CULPRIT IS A MINOR
I DON'T THINK I'M UP FOR BREAK-FAST AFTER THIS
HEY IT'S HERE
WE KNOW WE KNOW
LOOK I REALLY DON'T KNOW NOTHIN ELSE!!
WORLD SUCKS, DOESN'T IT?
SLAM
ENDOU CHEMICAL - NORTHEAST MEDICAL RESEARCH LAB

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH X SYNDROME IS SPREADING FASTER THAN WE'D PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT
AND THEY SENT THEM HERE TO THE MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER... HUH
THERE WERE FIVE PEOPLE LIKE THIS?
IT'S BLINDSIDING US... THIS MYSTERY PLAGUE...
KYAAA!
SLIP
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP IT, I WONDER?
OH NO, AYUKAWA-KUN!!
WHAT HAPPENED?

I KNEW HE WAS WEAK WITH BLOOD BUT
HE HE PASSED OUT
HANG IN THERE!!
HAHA
HAHA
SO MUCH FOR OUR FAMOUS HANDS-ON CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE
OH GEEZ WELL IT CAN'T BE HELPED, CAN IT?
RECOVERY ROOM
I GUESS WE SHOULD LEAVE HIM BEHIND FOR STUFF LIKE THIS
TO THE RECOVERY ROOM
I-- DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR YOU AT ALL!!

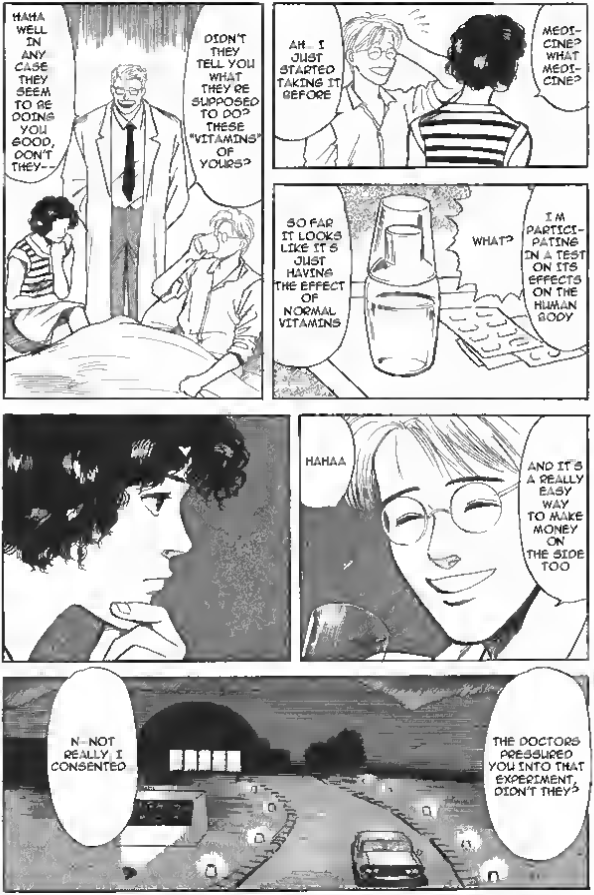
IN THREE YEARS YOU'LL BE 30, RIGHT? AT THAT POINT YOU'LL NEED TO BE THE BACKBONE OF THIS MEDICAL CENTER WON'T YOU?
I I GUESS THAT S TRUE

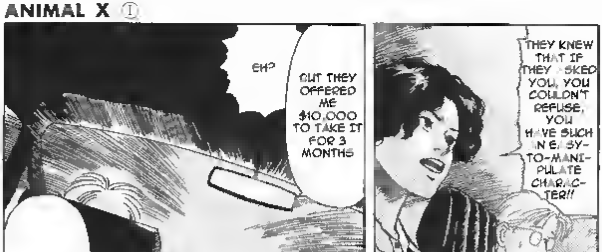
I M SORRY KYOUKO-CHAN
I HAVEN'T BEEN FEELING THAT WELL LATELY AND I M WEAK WITH DISSECTIONS TO BEGIN WITH

THIS ISN'T KINDERGARTEN ANYMORE YOU NEED TO GET SERIOUS!! GEEZ YUU-CHAN!!
S SORRY
"I GUESS" NOTHING BE MORE SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE!!

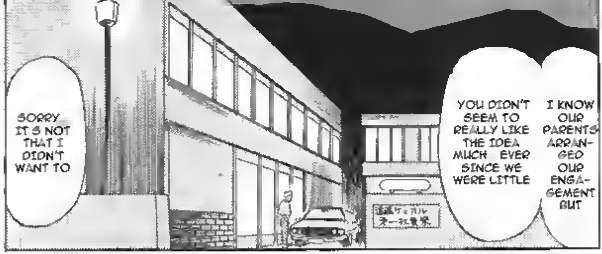
AYUKAWA-KUN IT S TIME FOR YOUR MEDS
EX-CUSE US
DR TADOKORO

FOR A MAN YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY PRIDE OR GUTS AT ALL!!


MEDI-CINE? WHAT MEDI-CINE?
AH... I JUST STARTED TAKING IT BEFORE
I'M PARTICI-PATING IN A TEST ON ITS EFFECTS ON THE HUMAN BODY
WHAT?
SO FAR IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST HAVING THE EFFECT OF NORMAL VITAMINS
DIDN'T THEY TELL YOU WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO? THESE "VITAMINS" OF YOURS?
HAHA WELL IN ANY CASE THEY SEEM TO BE DOING YOU GOOD, DON'T THEY--
AND IT'S A REALLY EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY ON THE SIDE TOO
HAHAA
THE DOCTORS PRESSURED YOU INTO THAT EXPERIMENT, DIDN'T THEY?
N--NOT REALLY. I CONSENTED

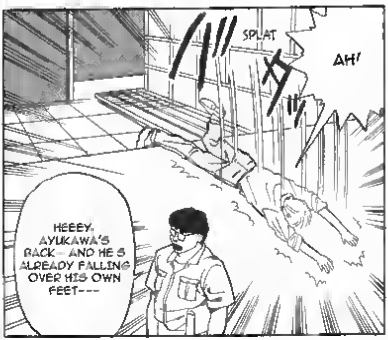

EH?
BUT THEY OFFERED ME $10,000 TO TAKE IT FOR 3 MONTHS
IN SHORT... I REALLY NEED THAT MONEY...
THEY KNEW THAT IF THEY ASKED YOU, YOU COULDN'T REFUSE, YOU HAVE SUCH AN EASY-TO-MANIPULATE CHARACTER!!

I-I THOUGHT THAT YOU AND I COULD USE IT TO GET MARRIED
THAT IS IF IT WAS ALRIGHT
YUU-CHAN


I KNOW OUR PARENTS ARRANGED OUR ENGAGEMENT BUT
YOU DION'T SEEM TO REALLY LIKE THE IDEA MUCH EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE
SORRY IT S NOT THAT I DION'T WANT TO

LOVE
LO
BUT!!

I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW WHO IT IS YOU REALLY LOVE YET
BUT IT S BECAUSE YOU RE TOO NICE... YUU-CHAN
GOOD NIGHT


SPLAT
AH!
HEEEY. AYUKAWA'S BACK-- AND HE S ALREADY FALLING OVER HIS OWN FEET---

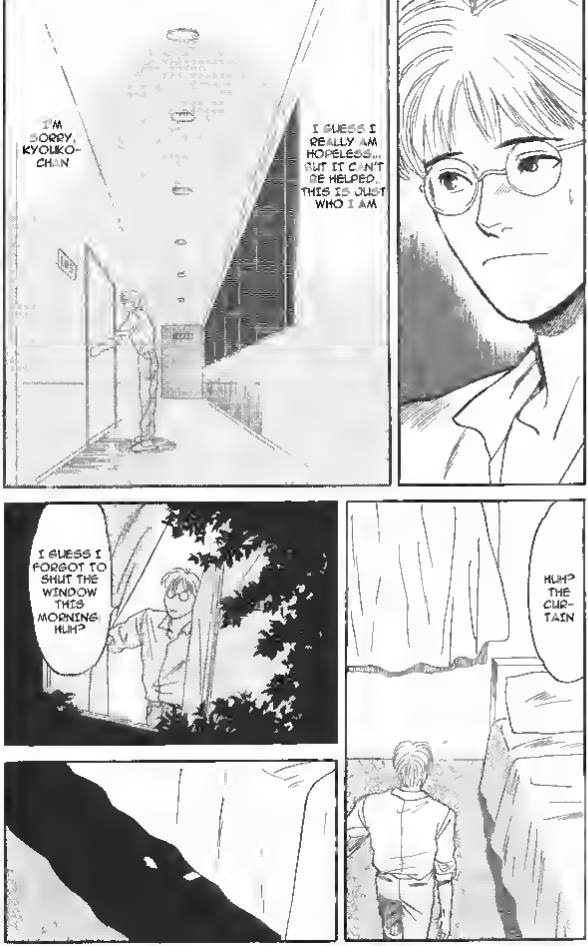
KIND OF SUSPI-CIOUS WHAT DO YOU THINK
I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU REALLY THINK A KID LIKE THAT COULD HAVE KILLED 4 KICHIJOUJI YAKUZA?
HONESTLY, I CAN'T SEE IT. JUST LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL BRAT TO ME
HEEEH
THE POLICE CAN'T GET HIM TO TALK. SO WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A POSITIVE ID ON HIM
!
HEY, THAT CAR!!
IT'S COMING RIGHT FOR US!!

SCREEEEEEEECH
SCRAPE
CRASH

"BOOM"
UHHH
MONSTER
IT'S A MONSTER!!

EXCUSE ME, COULD I GET A GLASS OF ICE WATER AND SOME NATTOU PLEASE?
TODAY THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT ON THE NORTH-EAST INTERCHANGE. A TRUCK CARRYING A SUSPECTED MURDERER APPARENTLY GRAZED THE CHECKPOINT AND OVERTURNED. TWO MEN ARE CONFIRMED DEAD IN THE ACCIDENT. THE KILLER HAS YET TO BE FOUND
EEEEH THAT'S REALLY CLOSE TO HERE
POOR AS EVER I SEE
I'D LIKE SOME CURRY-RICE MA AM
HEY AYUKAWA
SLAM
YEAH WELL
HEARD YOU FAINTED TODAY
MUST'VE SUCKED-- YOU DID IT IN FRONT OF YOUR FIANCEE TOO

HM? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
UH— NO, NOT A WORD
SHE PROBABLY SAID SO
NO NO SHE DIDN'T
HAHAHA
IMAGINE HAVING A HUSBAND THAT CAN'T EVEN STAND THE SIGHT OF BLOOD—
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
SINCE YOU'RE DR TADOKORO'S JUNIOR HE RARELY YOU AND LETS YOU OFF EASY
HA— HAA
AND EVEN WITH THAT PART-TIME JOB YOU'RE STINGY AS EVER
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A GIRLISH PUSSY BEFORE
HAHAHA I GUESS IT REALLY CAN'T BE HELPED
WHAT WAS THAT?
U UM— THAT'S RIGHT
TH— THAT'S NOT TRUE


I'M SORRY, KYOUKO-CHAN
I GUESS I REALLY AM HOPELESS... BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED. THIS IS JUST WHO I AM
I GUESS I FORGOT TO SHUT THE WINDOW THIS MORNING. HUH?
HUH? THE CURTAIN

stitch
stitch
AH LOST A BUTTON
pull
BUT I HAVEN'T GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY A NEW SHIRT SO THIS'LL HAVE TO DO
I GUESS THIS IS GIRLISH TOO, HUH?
!
DAMN
C'MERE YOU
P*P

POUNCE
THERE?
IS SOME-THING
WHAA
MAKE A NOISE AND YOU'RE DEAD!!

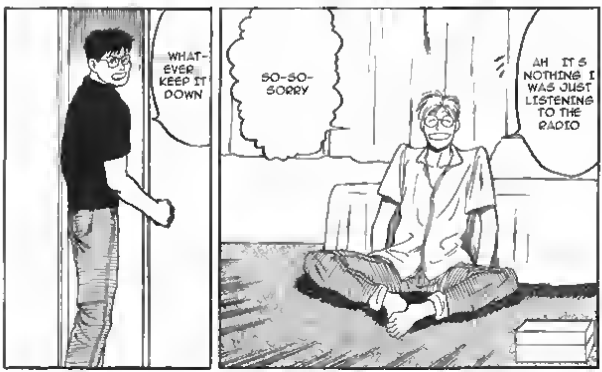
I'M NOT KIDDING EITHER MAN! I CAN KILL YOU WITH A FLICK OF MY WRIST!!

WHA?
HUMAN?
OR COULD IT BE
YOU'RE
KIN—?

I-I HAVE PARENTS AND A FIANCEE!!
I'M BE-BEGGING YOU PLEASE DON'T KILL ME!!
HMMMM--- THERE'S DEFINATELY SOMETHING HERE THAT ATTRACTED ME TO THIS PLACE
sniff
sniff
HII HIEEEEEE ~~
N-NEITHER— I'M FROM YOKOHAMA
DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT WHERE WERE YOU BORN? HOKKAIDO OR OKINAWA?
IDIOT. THINK I'D KILL MY OWN KIND?
HUH ?

I-I I'M TELLING THE TRUTH
DON'T PRETEND! I'LL EAT YOU!!

KEEP IT DOWN WILLYA!!
HEY AYUKAWA!! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING TALKING TO YOURSELF?


WHAT-EVER KEEP IT DOWN
SO-SO-SORRY
AH IT'S NOTHING I WAS JUST LISTENING TO THE RADIO

GOOD BOY
I KILLED A BUNCH OF YAKUZA IN KICHIJOUJI
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE NEWS TODAY? ABOUT THE HIGHWAY ACCIDENT... THAT WAS ME!
EH?!
BUT MY NAME'S ASABA MINATO
—HUMANS ARE AWFULLY UPPITY ABOUT KILLING PEOPLE AREN'T THEY? IN THE LAB THEY CALLED ME "BOY A"---
THEY WERE TRYING TO TAKE ME TO THE HOSPITAL FOR "TESTS"

I DUNNO JUST WHY BUT---- I'VE
YUUJI AYUKAWA YUUJI
AND YOU'RE AYUKAWA HE SAID? AYUKAWA WHAT?
DECIDED ON YOU
I DON'T THINK I SHOULD RESIST YOU BUT IF THIS IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING STRANGE
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MY KID
WHAT?!

KE KE KE KE
I'M GOING TO GET DOWN TO IT HERE AND NOW BEFORE YOU RUN OFF WITH ANOTHER GUY
GRAB
UH UH UHMM I I'M A GUY RIGHT?
!!
HUH?
HIEE---
HE'S RE-REALLY STRONG !!
PE-PERVERT!!
OOOOOOH HOW DID YOU KNOW--- THAT I'M A PERVERT THAT IS-----!?
LE LET GO OF ME PLEASE!! YOU'RE SICK!!
DON'T WORRY, I HAVEN'T GOT ANY STDS

He's a little crazy though.

LA LA LAAA
HERE COMES 3 MINUTES OF PARADISE!!
HEEEELP
SOME
SOME-ONE----!!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO SHUT THE FUCK UP...
UWAA
SPLATTER

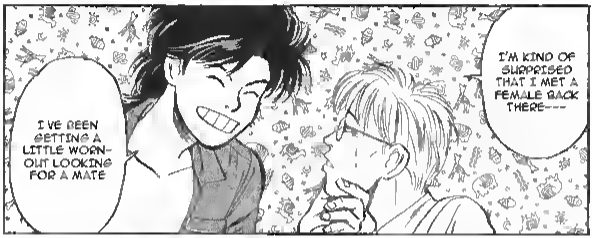
GYAAA
GRAAA
GURGLE
ROLL
ROLL

AYUKAWA'S GONE!! IT'S THAT MONSTER
SOME-THING'S GOING ON IN AYUKAWA'S ROOM
FAINT
WHAT'S WRONG?
HE TOOK HIM OFF
WHAT? AT THE DORM?

I UNDERSTAND I'M ON MY WAY NOW
DOCTOR TADOKORO
IT'S ASAGAMINATO
NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT
THAT MONSTER

YOU'RE TIMID AS A MOUSE
splash
THAT'S ENOUGH FAINTING, IDIOT-BOY!!
MY NECK'S ALL MESSED UP... DID HE REALLY JUST TRANSFORM
IT-IT WASN'T A DREAM
OF COURSE NOT!! STAND UP!! IDIOT!!
UM... WHERE ARE WE?
WHILE YOU WERE PASSED OUT WE FOLLOWED THE PATH THROUGH THE FOREST AND UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS
FROM HERE I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO OUR VILLAGE!

YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING TO YOURSELF AREN'T YOU?
KE KE KE KE
I'VE GOT PARENTS A-AND A FIANCÉE
P-PLEASE LET ME GO BACK


I'VE BEEN GETTING A LITTLE WORN-OUT LOOKING FOR A MATE
I'M KIND OF SURPRISED THAT I MET A FEMALE BACK THERE---

I- I TOLD YOU I'M A MALE!!
EH, BUT!!

WE'VE ASKED THE POLICE TO SEARCH FOR HIM BUT--
HAVE THEY FOUND YUUJI?
KYO-UKO-CHAN!!
OJICHAN ORACHAN!!
*Yuuji's parents
YOU'RE THE FATHER AND MOTHER, I PRESUME? PLEASE WAIT HERE
WE NEED TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS IF WE'RE GOING TO LOCATE YOUR SON
DOCTOR TADO-KORO--?

GLIDE.....

glide
flap
flap
.....WHAT IS IT?
BROTHER

MINA-TO'S COMING BACK!!
AND HE'S BRINGING A GIRL WITH HIM!!
WHAT?
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
IF YOU'RE JERKING OUR CHAIN WE'RE GONN' FRY UP SOME HAWK FOR DINNER
SERIOUS. I WAS SURPRISED TOO
HEEEEEEEEY--- I'M BACK EVERYONE----!!
AND I BROUGHT A SOUVENIR ----!

YOU'VE AWAKENED HAVEN'T YOU? FINALLY COMING INTO YOUR BLOOD---
MINATO!!
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN BACK ROUND HERE

SURE YOU DIDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE?
WHAT'S WITH THIS VILLAGE?
WHICH?
BUT THIS IS A MAN ISN'T IT?

UNTIL NOW WE LIVED HERE IN SECURITY
HEY HEY
UH--UMMM NO YOU SEE I I'M
IT'S ALL OVER!!

LITTLE PALE TOO ISN'T IT?
SMELLS LIKE A GIRL THOUGH THAT'S FOR SURE

LOOM
ARE YOU FEMALE?
NO
UM
TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF SO WE CAN ALL SEE
!!
WH-WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THE PEOPLE IN THIS VILLAGE?
YOU'RE MIS-TAKEN I'M NOT--
IT'S TOO NOI-SY!!

slap
YO-
YOU'RE
WRONG!
SO
STOP
IT
IT'S BECAUSE
THIS VILLAGE
HAS ONLY
MEN THAT THERE
CAN'T BE ANY
CHILDREN!!
YOU'RE
CAUSING ME
A LOT OF
TROUBLE!
YOU'RE LESS
THAN A DOG
TO ME!! LESS
THAN A DOG!!

MINATO WE MADE STEW IF YOU'D LIKE SOME
COME IN COME IN
I'LL BE AT THE SHRINE!!
WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU AWAKEN IN TOKYO?
EVEN IF HE HASN'T AWAKENED WE SHOULDN'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM HIM AT HIS AGE

I TRAVELLED TO TOKYO FOR THE FIRST TIME AND SAW HUMAN SOCIETY WITH MY OWN EYES
AND I CAN TELL YOU FIRSTHAND THAT HUMANS ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS AND FOUL CREATURES ON THIS EARTH!!
I'M SORRY TO SAY IT BUT I ACTUALLY LIVED AMONG THEM!!
OF COURSE YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH WE ARE THE CHOSEN THE KINDRED WHO HAVE INHERITED THE TRUE BLOOD THROUGH GENERATIONS
WELL SPOKEN MINATO

FROM LONG AGO HUMANS HAVE BEEN OUR SWORN ENEMY AND IF NOT FOR THE STRICT COMMANDMENTS AND LAWS OF THIS VILLAGE, THEY WOULD LONG AGO HAVE DRIVEN US TO EXTINCTION
OFTEN THEIR SPECIES HAS EVOLVED AND INVADED OUR LANDS DRIVING US TO THE BRINK IN NEARLY EVERY AGE... FROM NOW ON IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE HAVE FEWER ALTERNATIVES THAN TO JOIN OUR BLOODLINES BUT----
THERE IS ONE--
THE BIRTH OF A FEMALE CHILD, WITHOUT DEFECT OR DEFORMITY--

AND THAT FEMALE YOU BROUGHT IS KIND OF SUSPICIOUS
JIN
BUT ONLY ONE IN 10 CHILDREN IS FEMALE
GLUGGLUG
OF COURSE THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THE FEMALE TO BREED WITH
MAYBE OUR SENSES ARE GETTING MUDDY
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT
BUT HEY
I KNOW THE SCENT IS FEMALE
BUT IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IT'S BEEN ALTERED BY BIO-TECHNOLOGY?
THE FEMALE SEEMS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF OUR LINEAGE. AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE SEARCHED THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH FOR ANY FEMALES?

I HAVE TO!!
I WANT TO!!
US TOO
CAN'T YOU??
YOU GUYS ARE ALL MALES. CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND MY URGE TO MATE?!
I REALLY WANT TO I REALLY REALLY WANT TO!!
OBACHA!! PLEASE PREPARE THE CEREMONY!!!
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT FOREVER BUT YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT THE BLOOD OF THIS RACE CONTINUING, DON'T YOU!!

WE WILL DO WHAT'S NECESSARY
YOU WILL HAVE YOUR MATE
YES!! LEAVE THE PROLIFERATION OF THE RACE TO ME!!
OGACHI
YOU'D PROBABLY LIKE THAT, WOULDN'T YOU JIN?
WOULD IT BE BETTER IF WE ALL TURNED GAY?
HUH?
IDIOT
MINATO WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! DO YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DEFILE THE BLOODLINE?!

HAVE WE EVEN GOT A TUB OR ANYTHING FOR A PURIFICATION CEREMONY ANYMORE?
WHAT THE HELL?! HE'S ONLY 17 AND HE GETS TO HOLD A WOMAN!!
ALL OF THE YOUNG ONES IN THE VILLAGE WILL DRAW IN A LOTTERY FOR THEIR TURN
THINK YOU CAN SURVIVE ON NOTHING BUT MEAT?

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I DIDN'T HAVE NUTHIN TO DO WITH IT!!
THAT KID AHH
I TOLD YOU I KNOW NUTHIN!
TOKYO, TAKADA-NOBABA
K-CK
K-CK
THE LITTLE SHIT KILLED FOUR GUYS FROM YOUR GANG- YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE TELLIN' US!!
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE'S THE BRAT NAMED ASABA?!
THIS HASN'T GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME! I TOLD THE SAME TO THE COPS!!

WELL THEN, IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR STORY WHEN WE CUT YOU...
HOW ABOUT WE START BY SHAVING OFF YOUR NOSE!
HIII!
WAIT
I STILL HAVE A USE FOR THIS HUMAN

TAKE THAT
YUUJI YOU CRY-BABY--
STOP IT!
RUN--
IT'S YANAGISAWA--
HE'S GONNA BLAT SOON--
GIRLIE-BOY---
HONEY!
YOU'RE A BOY... CAN'T YOU HANDLE A LITTLE SCHOOLYARD PRESSURE? JOIN SOME CLUBS! GET STRONGER!
IS WHAT I HEARD FROM YOUR TEACHER TRUE? ARE THE OTHER KIDS TEASING YOU AT SCHOOL, YUUJI?
YUUJI WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR, SO HE DOESN'T NEED TO RELY ON PHYSICAL STRENGTH...
YOU'VE DECIDED TO BECOME MORE "MANLY", YUU-CHAN?

BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ALMOST A SHAME THAT YOU WERE BORN A BOY?
I I I'M SORRY
DON'T APOLOGIZE!
SINCE WE WERE LITTLE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE TOMBOY KNOCKING THE BULLIES OFF OF YOU!
BUT IT DOES NOT FIT YOUR OWN PERSONALITY AT ALL
KYOU..
HEY
ARE YOU AWAKE?

THERE'S BREAKFAST IF YOU COME TO THE VILLAGE HEAD'S PLACE
A...
A... DREAM

HEY MINATO, YOU BROUGHT THE FEMALE!!
THOUGHT SHE COULD USE SOME DAYLIGHT
FROM THE LOOK OF IT YOU'RE RIGHT COME INSIDE!
I'M THE HEADMAN OF USHIKUMA VILLAGE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF ME--
COME HERE SIT WITH ME
OHH-- YOU'RE A SKINNY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
BUT WE'LL GET SOME MEAT ON YOUR BONES MARK MY WORDS!
WE'VE EVEN GOT SOME TIME TO GET STARTED BEFORE THE CERE-MONY----

IF I RESIST THEM NOW I'M PROBABLY DEAD MEAT
HAHAHAHA
IMAGINE HOW CUTE MY KID WOULD BE--
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE ME A KID TOO?
WA!
UH UM
I HAVE A REQUEST
HMM?
WELL
glug
WHAT COULD A GUY WANT MORE THAN A NICE QUIET FEMALE?
PL PLEASE BRING ME BACK HOME!!

I-I'M SURE THAT EVERY-ONE S MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE/ UM I THAT IS I
I THINK THE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR M-ME
SHUT UP!
KICK
HEEY MINATO GO EASY---
SMACK
BASH
MINATO ALWAYS WAS A LITTLE VIOLENT--

GODDAMNIT! THAT'S THE 2ND TIME YOUR MOUTHING OFF HAS EMBAR-ASSED ME!!
CAN'T YOU BITE YOUR TONGUE?!
NICE TOUCH
BUT YOU HAVE TO HAND IT TO HIM. THE BLOOD SMELLS NICE
HE HE HE
HEH... THINK HE NEEDS FIRST-AID
HMPH. THE FOOD'S GETTING COLD!
HAHAHA HOW FLASHY MINATO-
drop!

HEY!
YOU CAN'T EAT HER YET! SHE'S STILL GONNA BE MY MATE!!
SO- SORRY ABOUT THAT...
HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR WORD ?
WHAT COULD THEY POSSIBLY BE PLANNING TO DO WITH US WE HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD FROM THE POLICE!!
I WONDER WHAT YUUJI'S DOING RIGHT NOW

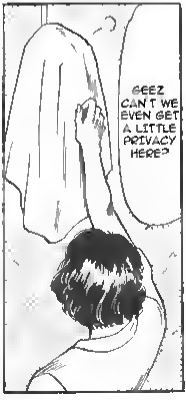
THAT'S FOOLISH COME ON !
A THOUSAND WHAT IF THEY WERE TRYING TO KILL HIM !
I'M SURE HE'S ALRIGHT ORASAN!!

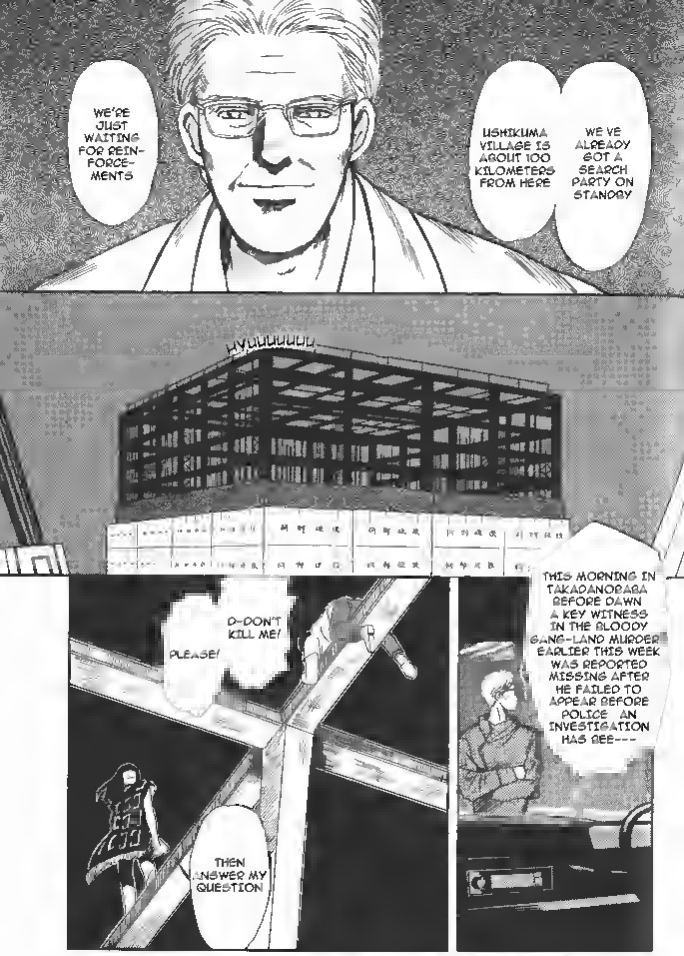
COME TO THINK OF IT— YUU-CHAN WAS ALWAYS TAKING THOSE WEIRD DRUGS
HE SAID THEY WERE SOMETHING LIKE VITAMINS THERE WERE QUITE A FEW PILLS

!
BUT WHATEVER'S HAPPENING BEHIND OUR BACKS, I'M SURE YUUCHAN IS ALIVE!

THAT GIRL'S PRETTY SHARP
HEH— SHE'S PRETTY WORLD-WISE, THAT ONE

UH OH

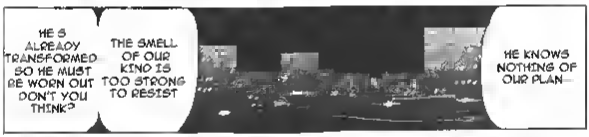

GEEZ CAN'T WE EVEN GET A LITTLE PRIVACY HERE?

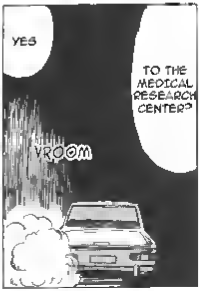

WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENTS
WE'VE ALREADY GOT A SEARCH PARTY ON STANDBY
USHIKUMA VILLAGE IS ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS FROM HERE
HYUUUUUUU
D-DON'T KILL ME!
PLEASE!
THEN ANSWER MY QUESTION
THIS MORNING IN TAKADANOBABA BEFORE DAWN A KEY WITNESS IN THE BLOODY GANG-LAND MURDER EARLIER THIS WEEK WAS REPORTED MISSING AFTER HE FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE POLICE. AN INVESTIGATION HAS BEE---

WHERE HAS MINATO GONE AND WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO?
HE WAS STUDYING SOCIETY OR SOMETHIN'... HE SAID IT'S A CUSTOM IN HIS VILLAGE
THAT'S ALL I KNOW!
I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW NOTHING OF THE GIRL?
WELL THEN...

PLEASE LADY DON'T TELL ANYONE I TOLD YOU ANYTHING!!
IF HE FINDS OUT
MINATO WILL KILL ME!!
OF COURSE
NOW STAND
THANK YOU
?
?
I ONLY WANT TO SHOW YOU MY GRATITUDE
bakibaki
stab
HIIII'

YOU ARE NOT RAO YOURSELF
FIERCE AS EVER, MAY
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MINATO TOOK THE GIRL BY COINCIDENCE
OO---H
OS


HE'S ALREADY TRANSFORMED SO HE MUST BE WORN OUT DON'T YOU THINK?
THE SMELL OF OUR KIND IS TOO STRONG TO RESIST
HE KNOWS NOTHING OF OUR PLAN—

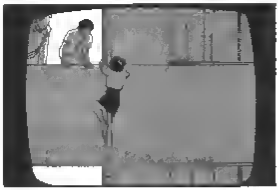

YES
TO THE MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER?
VROOM

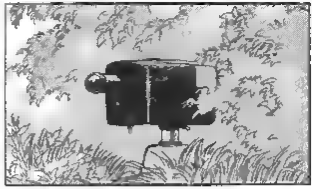
HAPPY NOW? DON'T EVEN THINK OF RUNNING AWAY!
PLEASE
BRING ME BACK
WANT ME TO TRANS-FORM?!
I CAN DO A LOT WORSE THAN BEAT THE LIVING DAY-LIGHTS OUT OF YOU
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU BUT YOU KEEP PUSHING ME
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND?!
punch!!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT!
IT

YOU BELONG TO THIS VILLAGE NOW
I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO BACK!!
YOU'VE GOT A FEVER. DON'T YOU—
COULD IT BE THE TRANFORMATION'S STARTING?!

COULD IT BE... I'LL DIE LIKE THIS...
IT HURTS IT'S HOT
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY BODY
BUT ONLY NOW HAS THE FEMALE FORM BEGUN TO MANIFEST
THERE'S NO MISTAKE THE BLOOD IS FEMALE
KYOUKO-SAN!
BECOMING A FEMALE...
WILL I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN ?

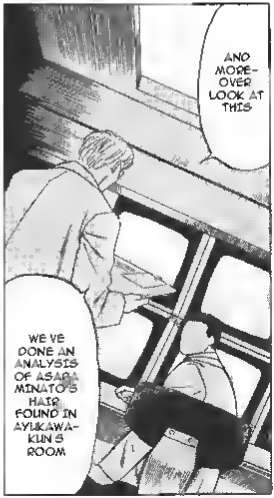
THE CEREMONY!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? WE CAN USE THIS DRAINAGE PIPE TO CLIMB DOWN!
EEEEH
SHIT.... THIS IS THE 5TH FLOOR...
KYOUKO-SAN
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 3 DAYS! THREE DAYS COOPED UP IN HERE WITH NO WORD AND NO INSTRUCTIONS!
WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE, WE CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING!

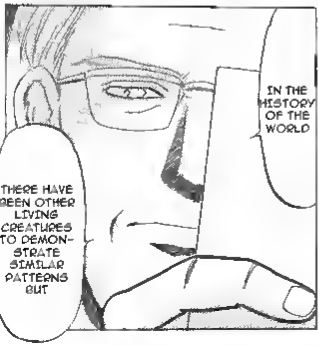




IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THEM
IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT TO JUST LET THEM GO?
SHE'S GOT BALLS THAT GIRL!

HE DOES DEMONSTRATE CLEAR TRAITS OF SELF-REGENERATION AND ACCELLERATED CEREBRAL GROWTH
TRANS-FORMANT DNA? NON-HUMAN?


AND MORE-OVER LOOK AT THIS
WE'VE DONE AN ANALYSIS OF ASABA MINATO'S HAIR FOUND IN AYUKAWA-KUN'S ROOM


IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD
THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER LIVING CREATURES TO DEMON-STRATE SIMILAR PATTERNS BUT

THIS PATTERN SHOWS MIRACULOUS POTENTIAL TO PROPAGATE THE SPECIES--
IN 100,000 YEARS, HUMANITY'S BRAIN SIZE HASN'T INCREASED MUCH.....
!

COULD IT BE THE TRANFORMATION IS STARTING?!
SINCE THEN...?
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN
TRANSFORMATION?
NO WAY
BUT ONLY NOW HAS HE FEMALE FORM BEGUN TO MANIFEST
THERE IS NO MISTAKE, THE BLOOD IS FEMALE

stomp
stomp
YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR 4 DAYS----
HEEEY YOU'RE FEELING BETTER
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW RIGHT?

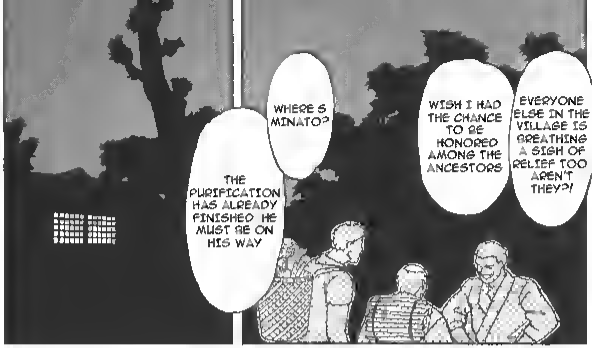
YOUR OWN BODY IS EVIDENCE!
B-BUT I'M ENGAGED--
CAN YOU HOLD A WOMAN LIKE THIS IDIOT?

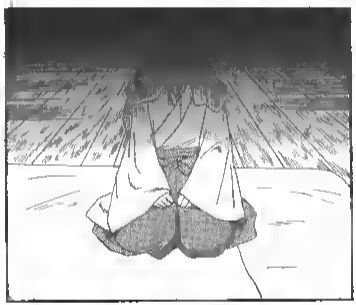
NO..
NO WAAAAY

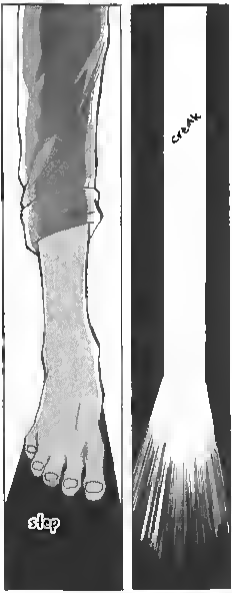
EEEEZ, THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU TO "GO HOME" TO! THIS IS HOME NOW!
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MY KID!!
THIS IS SOME KIND OF JOKE I'M 27 YEARS OLD
AND I'M 100% POSITIVE THAT I WAS BORN MALE THIS IS RIDICULOUS

THOUGH I SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS NEVER VERY MANLY
AHAHAHA HAHAHA
nervous laughing
LOOK, HE'S FINALLY GOT IT AND HAS GONE CRAZY WITH HAPPINESS
YES! 7TH!
I'M AT THE BOTTOM!
YOU MUST'VE CHEATED!!
CONGRATS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT

ALL THE MEN ARE VISITING THE SHRINE TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
SOON THERE WILL BE AN ECLIPSE OF THE MOON
IF THIS IS A DREAM...
splash
splash
PLEASE LET ME WAKE UP SOON...


WHERE'S MINATO?
THE PURIFICATION HAS ALREADY FINISHED HE MUST BE ON HIS WAY
WISH I HAD THE CHANCE TO BE HONORED AMONG THE ANCESTORS
EVERYONE ELSE IN THE VILLAGE IS BREATHING A SIGH OF RELIEF TOO AREN'T THEY?!




creak
step

HEY
I'M COMING IN

HYOO----- IT'S REALLY TRUE THAT FINE CLOTHES MAKE A MAN!
THIS TIME I'M GOING TO DO IT FOR REAL
D-DO WHAT?
OUIYO!
I'M GONNA HAVE SEX WITH YOU-
AAAH-- UMMMM
NO MORE 3 MINUTE HEAVEN! YOU GET THE FULL COURSE!
roll

WAAA

.....
GYAA--
AND TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE, HE'S GOING TO BRING ME MEAT FOR A WHOLE YEAR---
ALRIGHT I AGREED TO LET KAZUI SWITCH PLACES WITH ME HE'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR VIRGINITY INSTEAD---
DON'T MOVE
kyuu----
grumblegrumble
yank
STOP STOP
AAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHH--

?
?
PAKII
PAKI
POKO
MEKI
PAKII

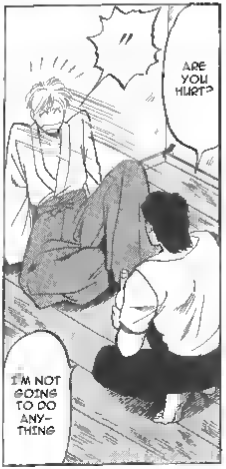
GROWWWWWWWWWWWL
AH-AAAH?
HIEEEEEEEEH
GWAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRR
KAZUI
SHIT

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT MINATO DON'T SCOLD HIM
EEEZ YOU HAVE THE WORST TASTE!!
ASSHOLE IS YOUR APPETITE BIGGER THAN YOUR SEX DRIVE?! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT HIM!

IDIOT!
SMACK!

WHA- WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING TO ME?
D-DON'T COME NEAR ME

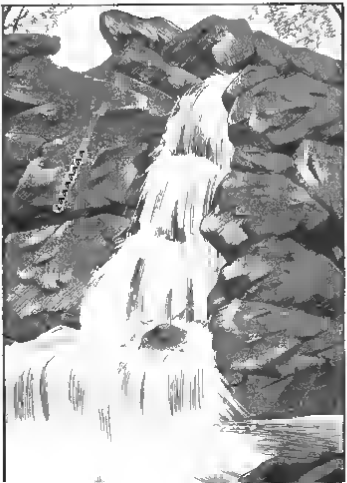
THIS SAKE MIGHT HELP YOU CALM DOWN


ARE YOU HURT?
I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANY-THING

YOUR BODY IS MADE FOR THIS! YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL! WHO ON EARTH WOULD WANT TO IMPREGNATE A USELESS HUMAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW A DAMN THING?!
AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU PULLING?!
HMPH
I DON'T KNOW

HE'S DEFINATELY A HUMAN NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!!
HURRY UP AND GET RID OF HIM!!

I DON'T KNOW
DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR THIS GUY!

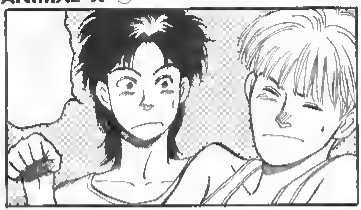


I'M GLAD HE DIDN'T EAT YOU
STAND UP— YOU'RE ALL COVERED IN DINO-DROOL NOW, AREN'T YOU?

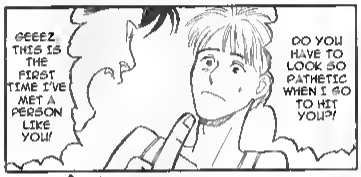
*NIHON SHIKI = ONE OF THE TWO OLDEST WRITTEN CHRONICLES OF JAPAN

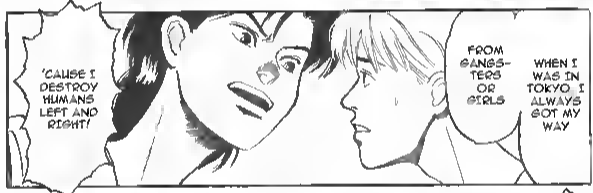
"ARA-MIOU KAMI" IT SAYS...
I'VE NEVER READ IT BUT... IT'S IN THE NIHON SHIKI* ISN'T IT?
ARA-GAMI?
WE'RE ARA-GAMI
FROM LONG LONG AGO... SINCE BEFORE EVEN WE CAN REMEMBER, WE'VE CARRIED THIS BLOOD-LINE...
EVEN LONG AGO, IT SAYS, THERE WERE VERY FEW WOMEN AMONG US... AND SO DUE TO CLOSE INTERMARR-IAGE OVER ALL THIS TIME, THE BLOOD BECAME POLLUTED
AFTER A TIME, ALL THE GIRLS BORN IN THIS TRIBE WERE BORN DEFORMED, WEAK OR WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM...
HUMANS BELIEVE THAT PARENTS SHOULD RAISE THEIR CHILDREN— DON'T THEY?
IT
IT'S NOT THE SAME WAY HERE?
SO OBACHA AND EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE RAISED ME TOGETHER. THEY'RE LIKE MY PARENTS!
MY REAL MOTHER HAD A HARD TIME GIVING BIRTH TO ME AND DIED RIGHT AFTER I WAS BORN
NOW THAT I TOLD YOU MINE YOU TELL ME YOUR STORY!

I. I WAS THE ONLY SON
I ALWAYS TOOK MY PARENTS WISHES VERY SERIOUSLY AND TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM
THE SCHOOL I WENT TO AND EVEN MY FUTURE WIFE THEY DECIDED IT ALL FOR ME
---THEY CHOSE MY CAREER TOO. BUT
WHEN I M LEFT TO MY OWN DEVICES TO DECIDE THINGS FOR MYSELF I GET SCARED AND JUST FREEZE UP. I'M A USELESS EXCUSE FOR A HUMAN BEING
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF YOU STAYED HERE AND HAD LOTS OF CHILDREN!? THAT S MEANINGFUL ISN'T IT---- YOU WOULDN T BE USELESS----------
WELL THEN YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO BACK DO YOU?

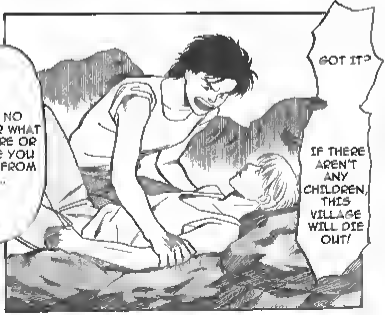


WHY YOU
B-BUT IF YOU DON'T LET ME GO BACK


GEEEZ, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET A PERSON LIKE YOU!
DO YOU HAVE TO LOOK SO PATHETIC WHEN I GO TO HIT YOU!?


'CAUSE I DESTROY HUMANS LEFT AND RIGHT!
FROM GANGSTERS OR GIRLS
WHEN I WAS IN TOKYO, I ALWAYS GOT MY WAY

AND NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU COME FROM I...

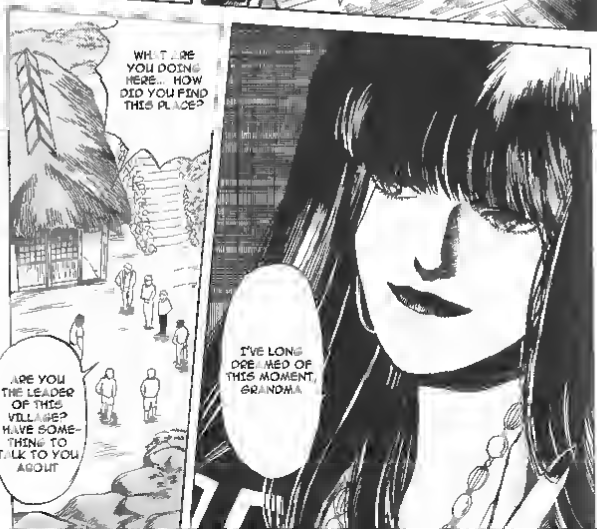

GOT IT?
IF THERE AREN'T ANY CHILDREN, THIS VILLAGE WILL DIE OUT!

GYOU!
MINA
MINA-TOO
DAAAAA AAAAMN!!
I CAN'T DO IT---- GEEEZ-----
WHA-WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER MET ANYONE THAT MAKES MY HEAD SPIN THIS WAY----!!
aah
ah
OK HAVE IT YOUR WAY
I WON'T MAKE YOU BUT WHEN YOU DECIDE YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME DO IT- TELL ME

YUUJI
JIN?
?
"
THIS SMELL!
WHO IS IT?!
?
WHO'S THERE?

LEAP
GUU
BIKABI
BARI
BOKI
GUGUUU
Y-YOUU
MEKIIII
GOBOOOO

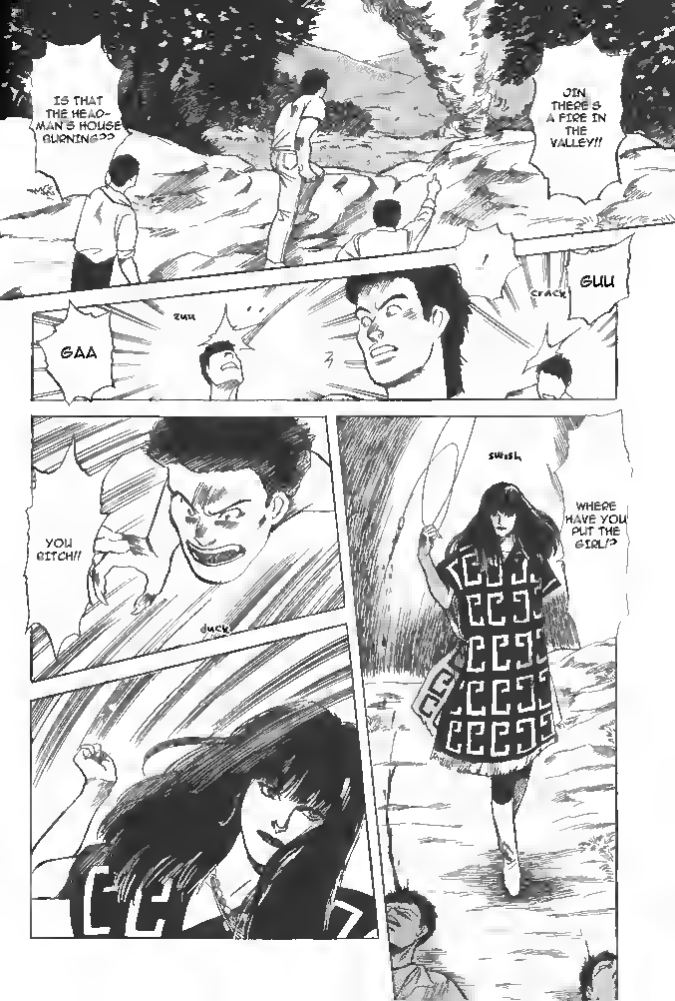
I TRANS-
FORMED
OUT
TOO LATE...
kiku
kiku
drop


WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE... HOW
DID YOU FIND
THIS PLACE?
ARE YOU
THE LEADER
OF THIS
VILLAGE?
I HAVE SOME-
THING TO
TALK TO YOU
ABOUT
I'VE LONG
DREAMED OF
THIS MOMENT,
GRANDMA

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE EVEN SEEN ONE
"GIRL"? WHAT GIRL?
WE'RE HERE TO COLLECT THE GIRL FROM YOU
WE'RE KIN
WE COME FROM THE NORTH
WHAT?!
SOME-ONE'S KILLED OGACHA!
OGA-CHA HAS BEEN-
HEAD-MAN!
HEAD-MAN, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

IT WAS YOUR GUY WASN'T IT?!
YOU WOULD KILL AN UNARMED KINSMAN IN COLD-BLOOD?!
WAIT! CALM DOWN!
WE'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THIS!!
GROWWWWWW...
KILL THEM!!
KILL THEM!!
AVENGE OSACHA
KILL THEM!!
TOO LATE. KILL THEM
WE'LL KILL YOU!!

GOGOGOGOGO
click
GYAAAAAAAA!!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!!
FLAME-THROWERS
WHAT'S THIS?!
HIIII
GWAAAAAAR


IS THAT THE HEAD-MAN'S HOUSE BURNING??
JIN THERE'S A FIRE IN THE VALLEY!!
GAA
ZUH
CRACK
GUU
YOU BITCH!!
duck
SWISH
WHERE HAVE YOU PUT THE GIRL!?

SEARCH FOR THE GIRL!
BRING HER BACK HERE WITHOUT A FIGHT IF YOU CAN. KILL THE OTHER IF YOU MUST!!
WAWAAA!
GWARR
CHOMP
CHOMP

DOOO---N
EEH?
AND I CAN SMELL BURNING FLESH
I HEARD SCREAMING
?
?
grit
DON'T STAND THERE GET DOWN

HYUUN!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
!!
TACKLE
SPLASH!!
THEY FELL!!
BUT I HIT ONE AND WOUNDED HIM PRETTY BADLY

HE SHOULD BE AN EASY TARGET NOW!!
KEEP A LOOK-OUT
YOU'RE BLEEDING BADLY!
REST... LET ME WRAP IT
SHUT UP!!
HAA
HAA
splash
splash
TAKE COVER IN THIS CAVERN

Uuh
NO GOOD, I CAN'T FAINT NOW!!
THEY SEEMED TO BE AIMING AT YOU!!
Tashyaa!
...ARE THOSE GUYS TRYING TO KILL YOU?!
LEAVING IT IN HURTS A LOT FUCKING MORE!!
I...I CAN'T! IT LOOKS TOO... TOO PAINFUL
...PULL IT OUT FOR ME
---ALRIGHT ON THREE
ONE—
TWO
THREE
YANK

I... I'M SORRY, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME
HERE, LEAN ON MY SHOULDER
IF YOU DIED NOW, YOU'D WORRY EVERYONE
SNUFF
SNUFF
SNUFF
SNUFF
DID IT HURT ?
DI
MINATO
HE'S SHORTER THAN ME PROBABLY NOT EVEN FULL GROWN BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN SCREAM WHEN I PULLED OUT THE ARROW
AAAH WHEN I LOOK AT HIM THIS WAY HE STILL LOOKS LIKE A KID

HA-HANG IN THERE!!
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
IN THE JOMON PERIOD... OUR ANCESTORS USED THESE CAVES...
THIS TUNNEL LEADS TO WHAT... MUST HAVE BEEN AN EXHIBITION HALL
SO IT'S JUST KIND OF LIKE A PREHISTORICAL SUBWAY TUNNEL?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE WERE THEN IF WE WERE GODS OR NOT

YOUR VILLAGE HAS BEEN WIPED OUT!! YOU'RE THE LAST!!
DON'T MOVE!
HE'S HURT!! WON'T YOU HELP HIM?!
YOU'RE AYUKAWA YUUJOU AREN'T YOU?
!
IF YOU'LL COME WILLINGLY... I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DOCTOR TADOKORO TO RETURN YOU TO THE LAB ALIVE
NOW LET GO OF THAT MONSTER!!
N... NO! I WON'T!
WHA- WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? SHOOT HIM?

SHIT!
BAA
I_ I WON'T LET YOU I WON'T LET YOU KILL HIM !
SHUU-----
GYAAAAA
GWAAAAAR...

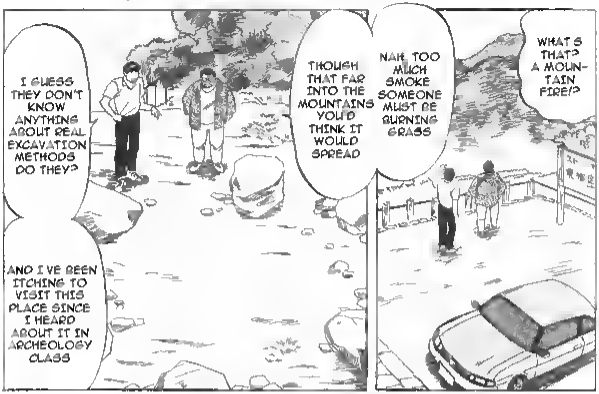
MINA
MINATO ?
IS THIS "ARAGU KAMI"'S TRUE FORM ?

GET UP!
MINATO!
MINATO!
MAYA
DOCTOR TAOKORO THE VILLAGE IS IN FLAMES MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
ONE TARGET IS MISSING FIVE HAVE BEEN POSITIVELY I.D.D AS DEAD WE'RE BRINGING IN THE BODIES FOR DISSECTION
WHY DID YOU KILL THE OLD WOMAN? THE PLAN WENT OFF COURSE BECAUSE OF YOU
SHE WAS GOING TO POLINCE ON ME IT COULDN'T BE HELPED

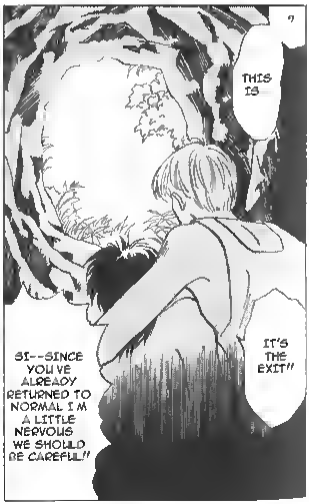
THOUGH I GUESS THEY'RE PROBABLY DEAD FROM THEIR WOUNDS BY NOW
ALONG WITH ASAGA MINATO...
BUT THE MAIN POINT OF THE MISSION WAS TO FIND THE FEMALE. AND SHE GOT AWAY

OH NO BIG BOTHER THEY'RE ALIVE THOSE TWO
I KNOW IT

I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN A MAN
REALLY
I'LL ENJOY HUNTING THEM DOWN AND TEARING THEM TO PIECES
NO MATTER HOW MY PREY RUNS, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE ON THEIR HEELS


I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT REAL EXCAVATION METHODS DO THEY?
AND I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO VISIT THIS PLACE SINCE I HEARD ABOUT IT IN ARCHEOLOGY CLASS
THOUGH THAT FAR INTO THE MOUNTAINS YOU'D THINK IT WOULD SPREAD
NAH, TOO MUCH SMOKE SOMEONE MUST BE BURNING GRASS
WHAT'S THAT? A MOUNTAIN FIRE!?

!
TCH... SMELLS LIKE HUMANS...


THIS IS
IT'S THE EXIT!!
SI--SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY RETURNED TO NORMAL I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL!!

THEY HAVEN'T GOT WEAPONS
THEY MUST'VE COME TO SEE THE RUINS...
YOU CAN GO
GO HOME
YOU CAN ASK THOSE GUYS TO HELP YOU
OUR WOUNDS HEAL FASTER THAN NORMAL
IDIOT! I'M NOT HUMAN, RIGHT? IF I WENT TO A PLACE LIKE A HOSPITAL WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO ME!
I WON'T GO
YOU'RE HURT. YOU NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL
C'MON COME WITH ME

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF IN THE MOUN-TAINS
I WANT TO HIT YOU SO MUCH RIGHT NOW!!
YOU SAID SO, DIDN'T YOU?!
YOU HAVE PARENTS AND A WOMAN!
I WON'T LEAVE YOU AND...
THAT WON'T CHANGE IF YOU HIT ME

YUUJI...
REALLY SOMETHING... YOU'LL NEVER LISTEN TO ANYTHING I SAY, WILL YOU?
YOU RE...
ANIMAL X ◆END

MINATO-KUN'S COLLECTION OF NOT-ALL SO CUTE

FACES

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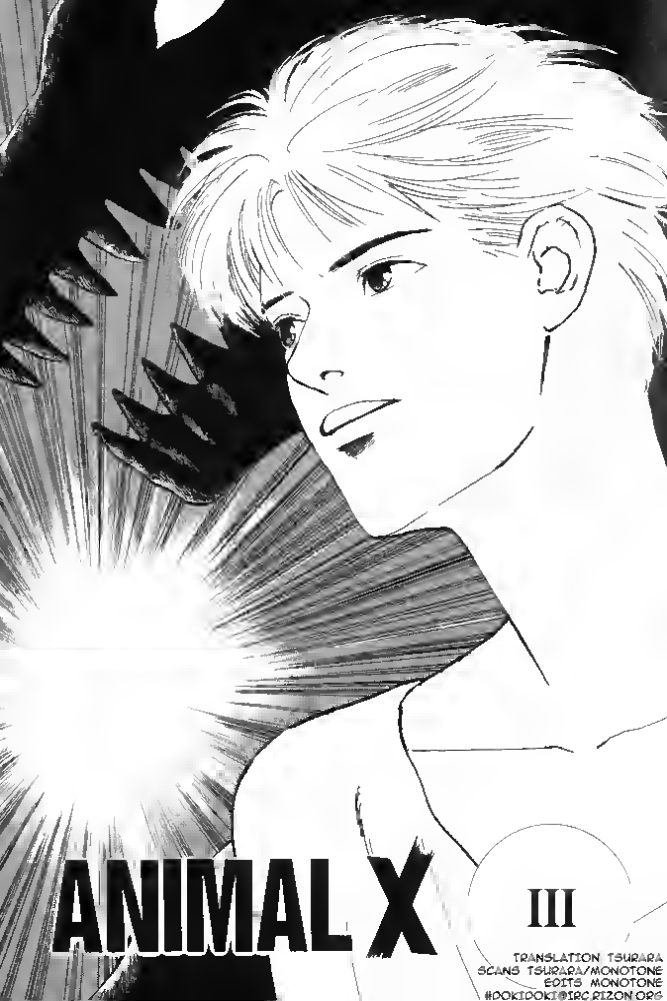
ANIMAL X
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TRANSLATION TSURARA
SCANS TSURARA/MONOTONE
EDITS MONOTONE
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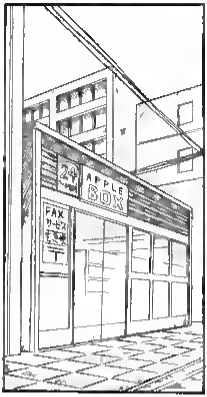
AKITA-KEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
SAT-OKO
IT S A LIE!! WHERE S THIS EVIDENCE YOU VE TALKED ABOUT?! I WANT TO SEE IT!!
LIES!!
I M REALLY VERY SORRY ABOUT THE WHOLE AFFAIR
WE RE CONDUCTING AN INVESTI-GATION TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY
AS FOR WHAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THE CONDITION OF THE CORPSE... IT SEEMS CON-SISTANT WITH A REAR ATTACK
BUT THE AUTOPSY RESULTS BLOOD SAMPLES AND DENTAL RECORDS ALL CONFIRM YOUR SON S DEATH---

I'M SURE THAT YUU-CHAN IS...
I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING NOW FOR OBA-SAN'S SAKE!! BUT, I'M SURE YUU-CHAN!
THE POLICE ARE MANIPULATING EVIDENCE TOO?
UWAAAAAH
OBA-SAN!!
SQUEAL
BANG

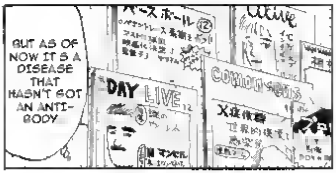
KANSAI MAFIA YAGUMI BRANCH OSAKA HQ
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT TAKATORI-SAN
AS YOU KNOW 6 OF OUR GANG OPERATIVES WERE KILLED IN TOKYO RECENTLY
AS AN INSIDER WITH THE POLICE, I'VE RECIEVED INFORMATION THAT THE KILLINGS ARE NOT THE RESULT OF AGGRESSION FROM ANOTHER GANG
...?
THIS IS FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED THUG ON THE SCENE. HIS NAME IS "ASARA MINATO"
I DON'T CARE WHAT MEANS YOU USE. BUT THIS KID HAS FUCKED WITH FAMILY

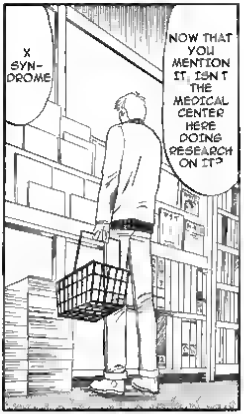

APPLE BOX
FAX

FIND HIM
AND KILL HIM!!

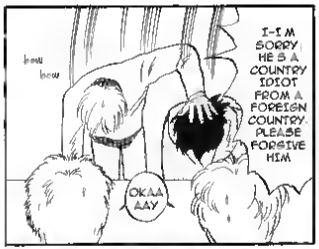
I HEARD A RUMOR THAT THERE'S AT LEAST A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN AMERICA WITH IT!!
YEAH LIKE OUT OF NOWHERE SHE GOT X SYNDROME
HYAAAA--AN AMERICAN ACTRESS WAS AFFECTED?!

THEY SAY IT'S A WEIRD KIND OF VIRUS THAT CAME FROM SPACE
THERE ARE STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE INFECTED IN JAPAN TOO

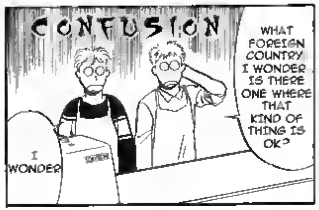

BUT AS OF NOW IT'S A DISEASE THAT HASN'T GOT AN ANTI-BODY


X SYN-DROME
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, ISN'T THE MEDICAL CENTER HERE DOING RESEARCH ON IT?

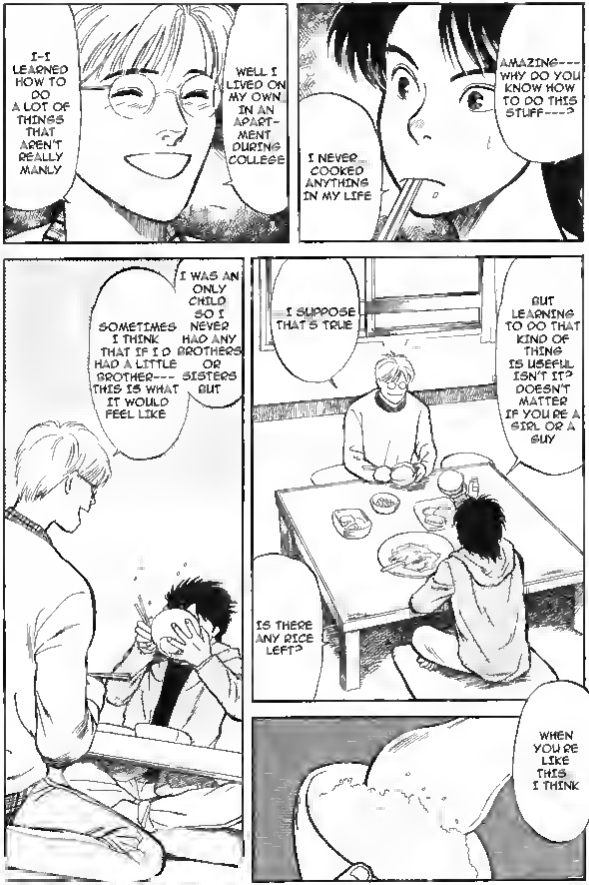
WAAA
DAY LIVE


I-I'M SORRY HE'S A COUNTRY IDIOT FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY. PLEASE FORGIVE HIM
OKAA AAY

MINATO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


CONFUSION
WHAT FOREIGN COUNTRY I WONDER IS THERE ONE WHERE THAT KIND OF THING IS OK?
I WONDER

JYUU
CHE-- WHEN I WENT TO TOKYO BEFORE THAT WAS THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO GET MONEY--
WHEN YOU'RE LIVING WITH HUMANS YOU NEED TO FOLLOW HUMAN RULES EVERYONE IN SOCIETY MAKES THEM
IN-IN ANY CASE
AND IF THE STORE GUYS HAD ANY-THING TO SAY ABOUT IT, I PUNCHED 'EM OUT!
AH I MADE A SIDE-DISH OUT OF THE LEFT-OVER VEGE-TABLES
AND THIS ONE?
BEEF AND PEPPERS FRIED IN OIL
HEEEEEH
WHAT IS THAT?
IF WE DON'T FOLLOW THEM THEN NO ONE CAN LIVE EASILY


I-I LEARNED HOW TO DO A LOT OF THINGS THAT AREN'T REALLY MANLY
WELL I LIVED ON MY OWN IN AN APART-MENT DURING COLLEGE
AMAZING--- WHY DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DO THIS STUFF---?
I NEVER COOKED ANYTHING IN MY LIFE
I WAS AN ONLY CHILD SO I NEVER HAD ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS BUT
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT IF I D HAD A LITTLE BROTHER--- THIS IS WHAT IT WOULD FEEL LIKE
I SUPPOSE THAT S TRUE
BUT LEARNING TO DO THAT KIND OF THING IS USEFUL ISN'T IT? DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU RE A GIRL OR A GUY
IS THERE ANY RICE LEFT?
WHEN YOU RE LIKE THIS I THINK

AAAH--- I ATE A LOT
WAS IT ENOUGH?
IT WAS ENOUGH!! NOW AFTER THE APPETITE COMES
THE SEX DRIVE
POW
NCE!
WA
MI-MINATO
LOOK I'M NOT YOUR LITTLE BROTHER!!
EVEN IF YOU SAY SO!!

SHUT UP!!
MINATO
MINATO
MI
TO-TO TELL THE TRUTH I I'M EMBAR-ASSED TO ADMIT THAT AT MY AGE I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE
WITH A GIRL AND OF COURSE NEVER WITH A GUY
THEN I'LL TEACH YOU-
Y-YOU'RE
BU BUT I'M O? AND
I? THAT'S EVEN MORE EMBAR-ASSING--
DING
DONG
!
WA WA WA!?
I'M ACTUALLY KIND OF RELIEVED TO HEAR NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER HAD THEIR HANDS ON YOU THAT MEANS YOU'RE MINE

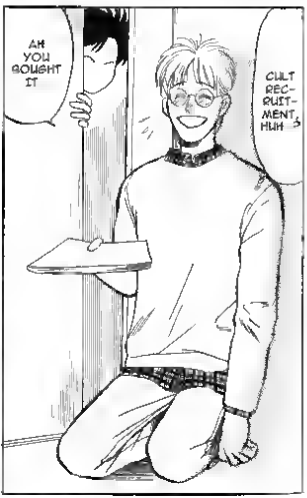
GOOD AFTERNOON WE'RE MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE CITIZENS FOR SOCIETY COMMITTEE AND WE'RE DISTRIBUTING SPECIAL LEAFLETS
GOING BACK TO NATURE
ONE ISSUE IS A 300 YEN DONATION

COMING
tick

WAH
IGNORE EM I GET TO GO FIRST
BUT THE-THE DOOR

MINATO?

MINATO


AH YOU BOUGHT IT
CULT RECRUITMENT, HUH

EVEN NOW I GUESS YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD
THAT TIME---
I REALLY THOUGHT YOU WOULD LEAVE BUT YOU REALLY STAYED WITH ME
I LOST MY VILLAGE AND EVERYTHING I EVER KNEW. I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT I WOULD BE LEFT ALL ALONE
I WAS SCARED
MINATO

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE AN ADULT AND ALL AND THAT YOU KNOW LOTS OF THINGS I DON'T
BUT
I WANT TO BE AS CLOSE TO YOU AS I CAN
I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO BACK TO
AND I WON'T EVER HIT YOU AGAIN
.....

MINATO...
PLEASE LET ME BE WITH YOU
I'VE NEVER... SEEN YOU ACT THIS WAY TO ME BEFORE...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...? I'M NOT USED TO THIS!!
I...I'LL DEFINATELY COME BACK THOUGH!!
I-I CAN'T HELP IT...I REALLY CAN'T COME BACK RIGHT NOW. SO DON'T TELL MY PARENTS ANYTHING!!
YUU-CHAN? IS IT REALLY YOU, YUU-CHAN?
O--OKAY...
IN THE MEANTIME... I WANT YOU TO GO AND GET A HOTEL, TAKE MY CASH CARD AND MY DRIVER'S LISCENCE AND USE THAT TO PAY FOR IT!
KYOUKO-CHAN!

BUT I'M NOT THE SAME ME I WAS BEFORE...
NOISY, BOYISH AND KIND KYOUKO-CHAN...
THE KYOUKO-CHAN THAT WAS ALWAYS SO STRONG AND VIGILANT WAS CRYING ON THE TELEPHONE
SORRY
KYOUKO-CHAN, ARE YOU CRYING?
NOT UNTIL MY BODY HAS GONE BACK TO NORMAL
I CAN'T GO BACK!
TAKATSUKI MEDICAL SCHOOL

kaa
kaa
kaa
THE LIBRARY MUST BE... THIS WAY
SHIT IT'S LOCKED
LEAVE IT TO ME
baki
LOOK. IT CAME OFF

CREAK
DOCTOR TADOKORO'S RESEARCH DOCUMENTS MUST BE HERE...
ALL THIS...?
AH... DID I ALREADY PUT IN THE SAFE-FILE AND THE FLOPPIES?
TH-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER STOLEN ANYTHING
STEALING? THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED? I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST TAKING THINGS AND KEEPING REAL QUIET ABOUT IT
UM... WELL

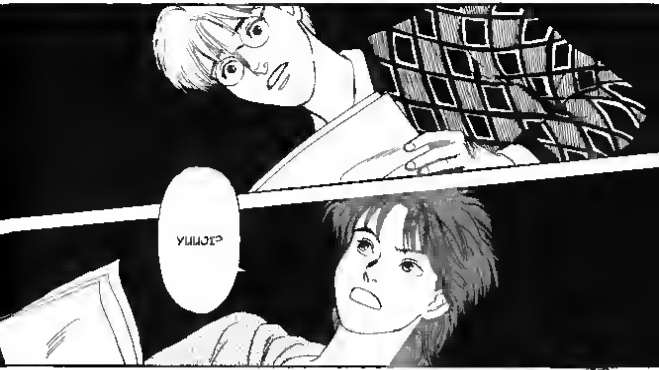
IF THEY TRY ANY-THING I'LL KILL THEM
I CAN RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS BUT IT'S ALRIGHT, THERE AREN'T THAT MANY OF THEM
?
BUT WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN I'M SURE SOME ONE IS PROBABLY TAILING US
MIN-ATO
WITH HUMANS IT'S NOT QUITE THAT EASY...
WHY NOT?! WHY IS IT WRONG TO KILL GUYS WHO WANT TO KILL ME?
B-BECAUSE EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FAMILIES AND IF YOU KILL THEM THOSE PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY CRY
EVEN BAD GUYS? DON'T DEFEND ALL HUMANS TOGETHER ON PRINCIPLE!!
..I AM HUMAN

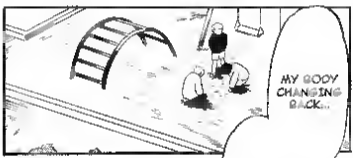
.....
I'LL SHOW YOU. I'M SURE THAT GUY PUT IT IN THESE FILES
YOU'RE SPECIAL
DINO-- (.S IN DINO-SAUR)?
THE GENE IS CALLED "DINO-SAUROID"?
THE REMNANT SPECIES OF DINOSAUR, THAT WHICH WAS ABLE TO ADAPT TO ITS SURROUNDINGS RATHER THAN DIE OFF, IS CALLED "DINOSAUROID"
IS THIS TALKING ABOUT US..?
DINO-SAUROID...

IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD ARCHEOLOGY HAS REVEALED MORE DATA ABOUT THE SPECIES BY UNCOVERING BITS AND PIECES OF FOLKLORE, RELICS, AND FOSSILS AND A FEW ISOLATED STUDIES AND COLLECTIONS HAVE RESULTED
WITH THE FINAL CONCLUSION THAT THE "DINOSAUROID" RACE DID INDEED EXIST
THEY USUALLY APPEAR AS NORMAL HUMANS BUT TRANSFORM IN CERTAIN STATES OF DISTRESS
ALL BETTER NOW...
DEGENERATION AND DAMAGE TO NERVE AND SINEW AND BLOOD CAN BE REPAIRED WITHOUT INTERVENTION BUT THERE IS A TENDENCY FOR DEFORMITIES AND IRREGULARITIES IN FEMALES
VARIOUS ANCIENT RECORDS AND MYTHS MAKE REFERENCE TO BEASTS WHICH SERVED NATURE AND DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS HUMANS
AND BY THE TIME OF CHRIST THESE MYTHS HAD SPREAD THROUGH THE CONTINENT OF EURASIA INTO MAYAN AND AZTEC CULTURES AS WELL AS INTO AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL MYTH
IT SAYS HERE THAT THERE ARE ALSO JOMON PERIOD MYTHS AND SOME FROM THE AINU* AND RYUKYUU ISLANDS** TOO!!
THAT'S IT LIKE THE "ARAGAMI" IN JAPAN

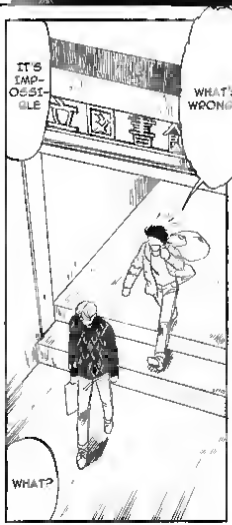
* AINU - NATIVE PEOPLES OF HOKKAIDO
** RYUKYUU ISLANDS - THE OKINAWAN ARCHIPELAGO

IT'S LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING ABOUT AN EXPERIMENTAL COMBINATION OF HUMAN AND DINOSAUROID DNA
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S ON THIS FLOPPY...
NO WAY THIS IS
GENDER AT BIRTH MALE XXY PARENTS HAD OPTED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
HEY, ARE THESE DOCUMENTS ALL WRITTEN ABOUT YOU YUUJI?
ME...?

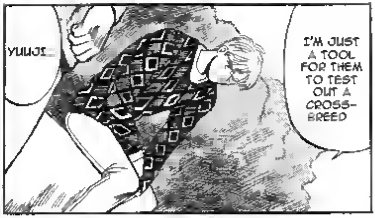

YUUKI?


MY BODY CHANGING RACK...

THAT MEDICINE THEY MADE ME TAKE
THEY TRICKED ME AND USED ME... I THOUGHT I WOULD MAKE NICE GUINEA PIG...


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
WHAT'S WRONG?!
WHAT?

YOUR LIFESTYLE UNTIL NOW WITH YOUR PARENTS, YOUR GIRL AND WHATEVER
CAN'T I TAKE THEIR PLACE?
I DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING BUT YOU, YUUJI!!


YUUJI...
I'M JUST A TOOL FOR THEM TO TEST OUT A CROSS-BREED

PITI-FUL
AND THEN THE LIES ABOUT MY REAL GENDER
O-DON'T CRY!

YUUJI!!
I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO BACK TO NOW!!
I'M HERE RIGHT?!

ah, my glasses..
SO QUIT WHIMPERING
wipe
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU. IT CAN'T BE HELPED-

MINATO

I'M SORRY

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE FELT LONEY OR SAD
I REALLY AM WEAK
QUIT WHERE SHOULD WE GO FROM HERE. I HADN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY BEFORE

SYUUUUUU
YOU'RE STILL AWAKE YUUJI?
YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED LOOKING AT THOSE REPORTS YET?
F.M.W
HOKKAIDO TOHOKU KYUUSHUU AND OKINAWA
THERE'S DATA ON DINOSAUR-OIDS IN ALL THESE PLACES!
THERE'S EVEN DATA ON USHIKUMA VILLAGE... "50 PEOPLE IN AN AREA OF 4 SQUARE KILOMETERS"
TAIDO-KORO...? WHAT DOES HE WANT?
IS HE GOING TO STUDY YOU AND ME TOO?
IT'S... LIKE THIS IS SOME SORT OF PROJECT TO MERGE HUMANS AND DINOSAUROIDS AS A SPECIES

BUT ISN'T THAT IMPOSSIBLE? THIS IS ALL FUNDED BY JAPAN'S LEADING BIO-CHEMICAL RESEARCH GROUP WITH FULL INDUSTRY BACKING
THERE'S STILL SUCH A THING AS "BIO-ETHICS" ISN'T THERE?
ITS A WORD FROM GREEK FOR "LIFE" (BIO) AND "MORALITY" (ETHICS)
IT MEANS YOU NEED TO HAVE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE THINGS YOU DO FOR SCIENCE
IF HE DIDN'T CONSIDER THIS IN HIS RESEARCH HE'D BE WIDELY CRITICIZED
HE'S TOTALLY DISREGARDING MY RIGHTS---

FROM THE START OF THE EARTH'S ECOSYSTEM, NATURE HAS BEEN PROGRESSING IN A PERFECT UNBROKEN CHAIN
BUT SCIENCE HAS GROWN TO ECLIPSE NATURE---- IF LIFE HAD RETAINED IT'S EXCLUSIVE CLAIM ON POWER, WHAT WOULD HAVE BECOME OF HUMANITY?
HOWEVER, MANKIND'S ACTIONS IN THE QUEST FOR ADVANCEMENT OVER OTHER LIVING CREATURES CAN HARDLY BE CALLED INNOCENT OR HARMLESS!
THE CREATION OF DIOXINS, POLLUTION AND THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IT'S ALL THE SAME----
BECAUSE OK, WAR, JOB AND SOCIETY ARE ALL THE SCRIPTINGS MADE BY THE PRODUCTION OF MAN'S DOMINANCE OVER NATURE
ADVANCEMENT CAN NOT ALWAYS BE MADE WITHOUT THE INFLICTION OF DEEP WOUNDS"

//
SOMEONE'S COMING THIS WAY!
YUU-JI!!
NORMAL HUMANS COULDN'T CLIMB UP TO THE 19TH FLOOR WINDOW SO EASILY
THESE ARE DINOSAUROIDS!!

EXCUSE ME I HEARD THE NOISE AND CAME TO SEE
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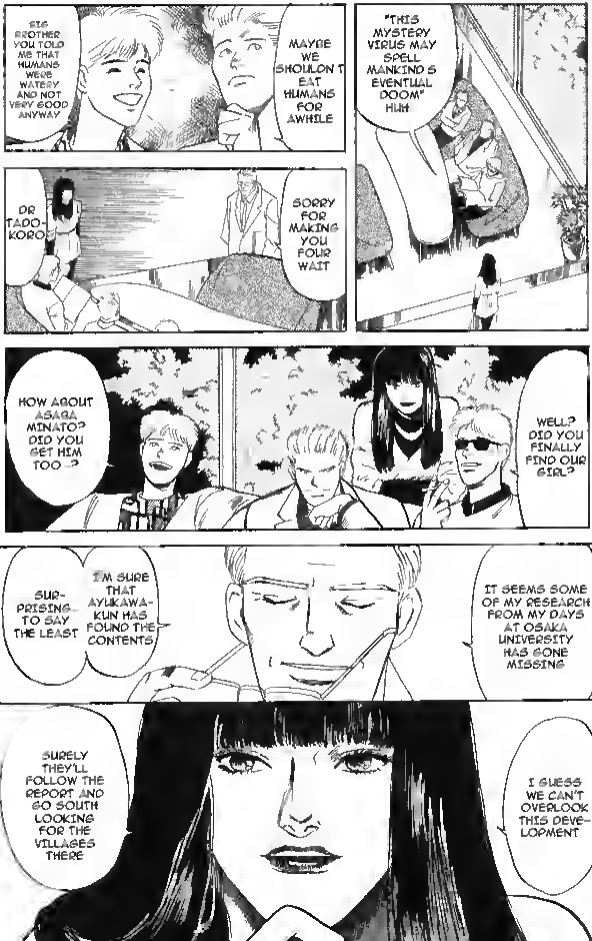
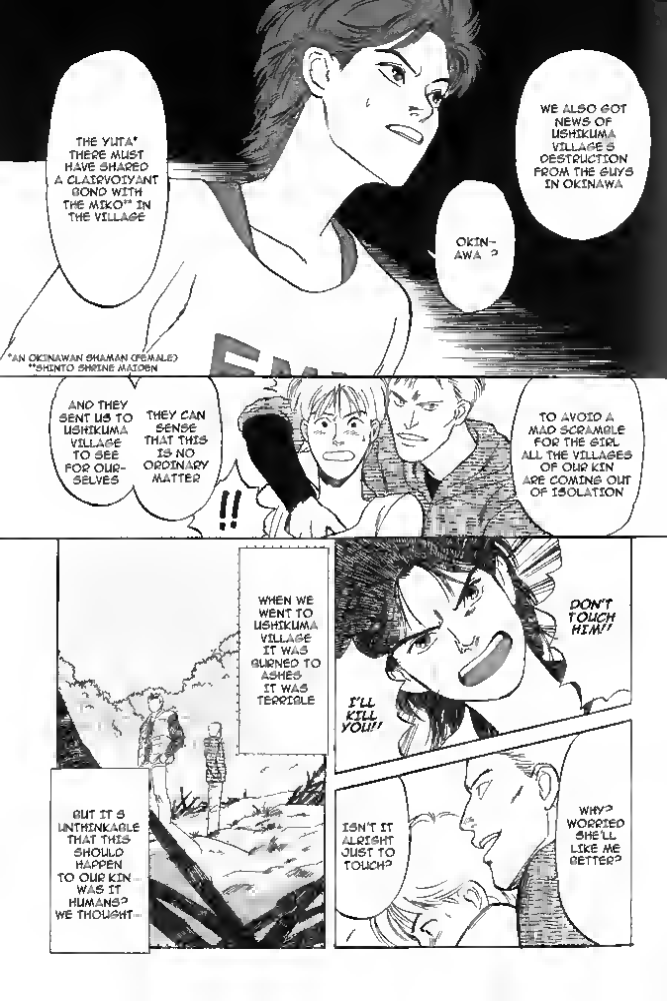
WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT?
NOW NOW
WAAA


SIS BROTHER YOU TOLD ME THAT HUMANS WERE WATERY AND NOT VERY GOOD ANYWAY
MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T EAT HUMANS FOR AWHILE
"THIS MYSTERY VIRUS MAY SPELL MANKIND'S EVENTUAL DOOM" HUH
DR TADOKORO
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU FOUR WAIT
HOW ABOUT ASAGA MINATO? DID YOU GET HIM TOO...?
WELL? DID YOU FINALLY FIND OUR GIRL?
SURPRISING TO SAY THE LEAST
I'M SURE THAT AYUKAWA-KUN HAS FOUND THE CONTENTS
IT SEEMS SOME OF MY RESEARCH FROM MY DAYS AT OSAKA UNIVERSITY HAS GONE MISSING
SURELY THEY'LL FOLLOW THE REPORT AND GO SOUTH LOOKING FOR THE VILLAGES THERE
I GUESS WE CAN'T OVERLOOK THIS DEVELOPMENT

I THINK I'LL BE HEADING TO OSAKA FROM HERE
SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM TO ME
FOR YOUR LITTLE HUMAN-DINOSAUROID CROSS-BREEDING EXPERIMENT RIGHT
IN ANY CASE I WANT TO GUARANTEE THEIR RETURN TO ME FOR USE IN THE FUTURE
HOWEVER AYUKAWA-KUN HAS RUN OFF WITH MATERIALS FROM MY RESEARCH STUDENT DAYS THAT ARE QUITE VALUEABLE TO ME AND ARE ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUING MY WORK

HEY YOU GUYS
SORRY TO INTRUDE
S-SORRY
THE WIND IS PRETTY STRONG TONIGHT AND THE WINDOW STUCK
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA SNEAKING AROUND LIKE THAT YOU SCARED THE SHIT OUT OF US!!

WE'RE FROM THE KYUSHU VILLAGE ARE YOU ASABA MINATO?
WE'RE KIN
BUT--
THE RUMOR ABOUT THE GIRL WAS TRUE WASN'T IT
HEY
COME A LITTLE CLOSER TOOTS
HEY!
DON'T TOUCH HIM HE'S NOT YOURS
FEMALES ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY
BEING POSESSIVE IS A HUMAN TRAIT


WE ALSO GOT NEWS OF USHIKUMA VILLAGE'S DESTRUCTION FROM THE GUYS IN OKINAWA
OKIN-AWA ?
THE YUTA* THERE MUST HAVE SHARED A CLAIRVOYANT BOND WITH THE MIKO** IN THE VILLAGE
*AN OKINAWAN SHAMAN (FEMALE)
**SHINTO SHRINE MAIDEN
TO AVOID A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR THE GIRL ALL THE VILLAGES OF OUR KIN ARE COMING OUT OF ISOLATION
!!
THEY CAN SENSE THAT THIS IS NO ORDINARY MATTER
AND THEY SENT US TO USHIKUMA VILLAGE TO SEE FOR OUR-SELVES
WHEN WE WENT TO USHIKUMA VILLAGE IT WAS BURNED TO ASHES IT WAS TERRIBLE
BUT IT'S UNTHINKABLE THAT THIS SHOULD HAPPEN TO OUR KIN... WAS IT HUMANS? WE THOUGHT...
DON'T TOUCH HIM!!
I'LL KILL YOU!!
WHY? WORRIED SHE'LL LIKE ME BETTER?
ISN'T IT ALRIGHT JUST TO TOUCH?

BUT ONE OF US HAD TO SELL THEM THE INFORMATION
WE THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS THE ONES FROM HOKKAIDO
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU CAME TO OKINAWA SOON AND MET THE ELDER YOURSELVES
UNTIL THEN THE FUTURE OF OUR ENTIRE RACE IS UP IN THE AIR
WE FOUND THIS
PULLED IT OUT OF THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE DEAD BODIES
IT'S CALLED A "KITE". IT'S WORKS A BIT LIKE A WHIP AND A PROJECTILE COMBINED
WHEN IT STRIKES THE FLESH, THE HEAD DETACHES AND FORMS A BARB THAT CAN'T BE REMOVED WITHOUT TEARING THE FLESH
IT WAS BEEN DIPPED IN ACONITE POISON IT ALSO JUST HAPPENS TO BE A TRADITIONAL WEAPON OF THE AINU AND OUR BROTHERS IN HOKKAIDO

N NO
HEY HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD DID HE?!
RATAN!!
MINATO
I'LL TEAR HIM TO PIECES!!
FROM NOW ON IF ANY GUY DOES ANYTHING FUNNY TO YOU OTHER THAN ME
BUT I WANT YOU ALL TO MYSELF YUUKI
MAYBE I REALLY AM ACTING LIKE A HUMAN?

MINATO
NEVER SEEMS TO MAKE PROMISES TO ME THAT HE DOESN'T INTEND TO KEEP...
HE'S AWKWARD, VIOLENT, AND CHILDISH, BUT
IT'S TOTALLY REAL.
THIS ISN'T A FIELD-TRIP----
Y-- KNOW, I'VE NEVER RIDDEN IN AN AIRPLANE
LIH
DON'T MOVE A MUS-CLE
um well
what's fieldtrip's p-p-p-p
THEY'RE LEAVING
ALRIGHT NOW

SORRY, BUT NOT THIS TIME YOU LITTLE SHIT
NOW GET IN THE CAR!!
WILL YOU GIVE US THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY, ASAGA MINATO?
WE'RE THE YAGUMI FAMILY
IF NOT, YOU'LL GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF OF YUUJI!
REALLY WANT ME TO KILL YOU GUYS?
SHUT UP!!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?
MI-MINATOO!!
EEH? THOSE IDIOTS WERE YAKUZA?!
WE CAN'T JUST LET YOU GET AWAY WITH KILLING THE BOSS'S GUYS IN TOKYO YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
WE'RE GOING TO HOLD A LITTLE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR OUR BROTHERS
AREN'T WE, ROY?
HAHA...
DON'T KILL THEM EASILY
I WANT IT TO BE SLOW AND PAINFUL
INTERESTING

I GET IT
YOU WANTED A FIGHT SO YOU BROUGHT US TO A PLACE WITH PLENTY OF ROOM TO KICK YOUR ASSES
ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOUR FRIEND DIES!!
NAH
I'D KILL YOU BEFORE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO KILL YUUJI
I'M SURE OF IT!
MIN-ATO
?
HEY YOU ARE?
WHAT THE—
ARE YOU A GUY? OR A GIRL?
!

STOP IT!!
AL-RIGHT!!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK UNDER-NEATH
FEELS ALMOST LIKE YOU'VE GOT THE EQUIPMENT FOR BOTH
WANT US TO KILL YOU BEFORE OR AFTER THE SHOW?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT
EVEN MORE UNBELIEVABLE THAN THE CHANGE
IS BEING IN THIS CREEP'S ARMS
THIS IS RIDICULOUS...
EVEN I KNOW THAT THIS ISN'T
!!
ANYTHING LIKE YOU THE WAY YOU SHOULD TOUCH A WOMAN

I SEE
WELL THIS IS A SUR-PRISE
YOU REALLY DO HAVE BOTH, DON'T YOU
MI
MINATO
GYAAA
Baki
Meku
!!
HEY

...HEY!!
GROWWWWWWWWWWL...

UWAAAAAAAAAA?!
MINATO!!
WAA

S-STOP DON'T KILL HIM!!
GROWWWWWWWWWW
MINATO!!
DASH
MINATO
MINATO
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME..?

lick
STRANGE ISN'T IT?
I'M NOT EVEN A LITTLE FRIGHTENED
AS IF ANYTHING ABOUT YOU COULD SCARE ME ANYMORE
purr
purr
purr
YOU HAVEN'T REALLY CHANGED A BIT, HAVE YOU?
SHALL WE BE ON OUR WAY SOUTH?

BE CAREFUL WITH THAT MESSAGE. WE'RE IN DEEP SHIT IF IT'S INTERCEPTED
ROGER. I'LL RELAY THE MESSAGE TO OKINAWA
WE SAIL FOR KYUUSHUU, VI... OSAKA AT DAWN

WHAT IS IT?
!
CAN'T BE HELPED. WE CAN'T LEAVE OUR VILLAGE UNPROTECTED ANY LONGER...

I EXPECT AN APOLOGY

TOO BAD ABOUT THE GIRL... THOUGH ISN'T IT?
HOW MANY TIMES IS IT NOW THAT WE'VE DONE THE DIRTY WORK FOR OKINAWA AND GOTTEN NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT?
OUR VILLAGE HAS A SHORTAGE OF WOMEN TOO!

WAIT!
HEY!! I-IT'S ANOTHER GIRL!! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!
I'M FROM HOKKAIDO VILLAGE
AND YOU'VE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH ASARA MINATO, I PRESUME?
WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN USHIKUMA VILLAGE THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN JUST HUMANS!!
SOMEONE MUST HAVE TOLD THEM WHERE TO FIND US
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THERE, DON'T YOU!?
WHAT HAPPENED?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF "THE ONWARD MARCH OF TECHNOLOGY"?
PERHAPS YOU'RE EVEN HERE TO STOP
YOU'RE SCREWING WITH US...
LEAP
WE'VE PUT UP WITH YOUR RIDDLES THIS LONG
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU COOPERATE?

HEY
DON'T!!
I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU BACKED OFF
UU...
UUUUU
UU...
drip

GAA
hisss
SO... SO THAT'S IT, POISONED FANGS
slide
I DID WARN YOU
I SAID IT WOULD BE BEST TO BACK OFF
BITCH!!
Uu...

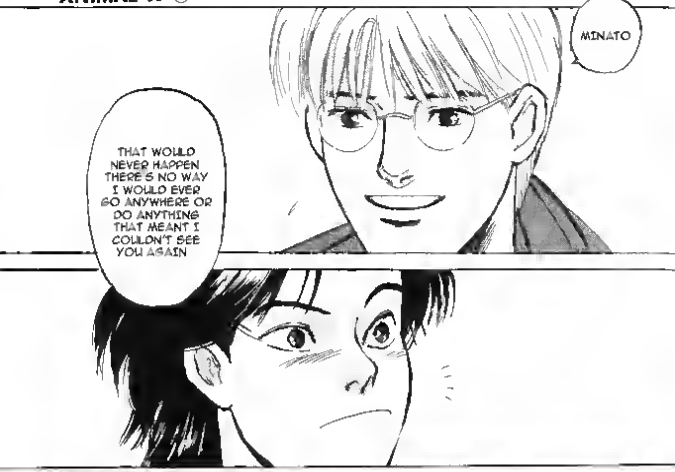
GUWAA
crunch, crunch

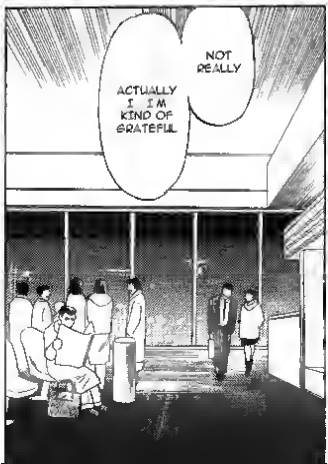
WHAT'S WRONG?!
ANSWER ME!! WHAT'S HAPPENED?!

GRAB
I DON'T BELIEVE IT
CAN'T BE!!
TH... THIS

EH?
IF YOU KNEW HOW MUCH I'VE CHANGED
KYOUKO-CHAN
YOU WOULD WORRY EVEN MORE... WOULDN'T YOU?
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH YOU'RE MAKING ME WORRY?
YUU-CHAN?
LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO GO TO OKINAWA FROM HERE
BUT I'M ALRIGHT!! I CAN'T TALK NOW BUT I'LL DEFINATELY BE BACK!!
AH!! SEE YA!! I'M HANGING UP!!
YUUJI
IT'S THE COMPETITION ISN'T IT?! THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SAY!!
UM THAT'S---- KIND OF
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?!
WHO WAS THAT WITH HIM?
?

I GUESS I MADE YOU FEEL BAD— BUT I
I KNOW THAT SOMEDAY YOU'RE PROBABLY GONNA GO BACK—
SORRY—
MINATO
I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN AND— I HATE THINKING ABOUT IT
AND IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BE LEAVING ME BEHIND


MINATO
THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD EVER GO ANYWHERE OR DO ANYTHING THAT MEANT I COULDN'T SEE YOU AGAIN


NOT REALLY
ACTUALLY I I'M KIND OF GRATEFUL

YOU'RE AMAZED, AREN'T YOU?
AAAAARGH!! I'M ACTING LIKE SUCH A STUPID KID TODAY. JUST FORGET IT

SOMEHOW WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER FOR MY SAKE IT FEELS GOOD
AND WHAT'S MORE YOU REALLY CARE A LOT ABOUT ME
YOU'VE SAVED ME MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT
I ONLY FIGHT SO QUICKLY WHEN I'M SCARED
IT WAS BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS WENT AFTER YOU
I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T THINK OF ME AS ANYTHING BUT A LITTLE BROTHER YUUJI

BUT IT'S ALRIGHT FOR ME TO LOVE YOU ISN'T IT?
MINATO
JAPAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 919 WILL BEGIN BOARDING AT 7:10. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TICKET AND ID AVAI---

60606060...
(SOUND OF AIRPLANE)
ANIMAL X- END

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